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SUBJECT: PINOCHET SPEAKS ON O'HIGGINS ANNIVERSARY

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1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT PINOCHET EXPLAINS DECISION TO REFUSE ENTRY OF UNHRC WORKING GROUP, WARNS POLITICIANS AGAIN, AND ANNOUNCES GOC INVESTIGATION OF FATE OF 119 CHILEANS ALLEGEDLY KILLED ABROAD. END SUMMARY.

2. SPEAKING AT AUG 20 CEREMONIES AT SAN BERNARDO NEAR SANTIAGO ON OCCASION OF COMMEMORATION OF BIRTH OF NATIONAL LIBERATOR BERNARDO O'HIGGINS, PRESIDENT PINOCHET REPEATED WARNINGS TO POLITICIANS IN RECESS (READ CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS) WHO WILL NOT GIVE UP "SUICIDAL" HOPE OF RETURNING TO POWER, PINOCHET SAID THAT THESE POLITICIANS ARE EVEN WILLING TO ALLY THEMSELVES WITH "MARXIST-LENINISTS" TO DO SO. HE SAID THAT THE POLITICIANS HAVE NOT YET LEARNED THEIR LESSON, AND THAT WHILE ARMED FORCES AND CARABINEROS EXIST, THEIR "UNDERGROUND" ACTIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

3. PINOCHET OFFERED EXPLANATION OF HIS DECISION TO REFUSE ENTRY
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TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP. HE CLAIMED INTENDED VISIT WAS

PART OF CAMPAIGN OF INTERNATIONAL MARXISM TO ATTACK CHILE, AND THAT REFUSAL TO ALLOW ENTRY HAD "RUNED" THE PLAN. HE CHARGED THAT SOME WORKING GROUP MEMBERS AND STAFF WERE OF MARXIST TENDENCY, AND THAT GROUP CAME ALREADY PREPARED TO WRITE NEGATIVE REPORT. AT TIME GROUP WAS EXPECTED IN CHILE, MARXISTS PLANNED TERRORIST ATTACKS IN CHILE AND WERE PREPARED TO SEND GROUPS TO EMBASSIES IN SANTIAGO TO TAKE ASYLUM, ALL TO EMBARRASS GOC, PINOCHET CLAIMED.

4. IN POINT UNDOUBTEDLY DIRECTED AT US, PINOCHET NOTED THAT "OUR FRIENDS TODAY DO NOT WANT TO HELP US, OR CONDITION THEIR AID. NEVERTHELESS, I WARN THEM THAT THEY MUST NOT FORGET THAT IF CHILE FAILS AND MARXISM RETURNS, THAT WILL PREVENT LIBERTY FROM EVER RETURNING TO LATIN AMERICA." HE CONTINUED, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THAT "IF FRIENDLY NATIONS BELIEVE IN THE WORD OF THE COMMUNISTST THAT THEY WILL NOT INTERVENE, I SAY TO THEM LOOK AT ACTURAL, CONTEMPORARY HISTORY AND THAT WILL CLARIFY MANY DOUBTS.

5. PINOCHET ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT GOC WILL INVESTIGATE ALLEGED DEATHS OR DISAPPEARANCES ABROAD OF 119 CHILEAN LEFTISTS (SEPTTEL).

6. COMMENT: DESPITE NOW-STANDARD RUMORS BEFORE ANY SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY THAT PINOCHET/GOC WILL SAY SOMETHING IMPORTANT, THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN THIS SPEECH.
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